

Justice Adolpho A. Birch, Jr.

Born Sept. 22, 1932, Washington DC. Three children; Episcopal; graduate Dunbar High School, Washington D.C. 1950; attended Lincoln University, PA 1950-52; B.A., J.D. degrees Howard University, Washington, D.C. 1956. Member Howard Law Review, 1954-1956; National Bar Association Judicial Council; Tennessee, Nashville and Napier-Looby Bar Associations. U.S. Naval Reserve, active duty, 1956-1958; former associate professor of Legal Medicine, Meharry Medical College; former lecturer in law, Fisk University and Tennessee State University. Private practice of law 1958-66; assistant public defender in Davidson County 1963-66; assistant district attorney general in Davidson County 1966-69; General Sessions Court of Davidson County judge 1969-78; Criminal Court of Davidson County judge 1978-87; Trial Courts of Davidson County presiding judge 1981-82; member Court of the Judiciary 1983-86; teaching faculty, Nashville School of Law, 1991-present; University of Memphis Distinguished Jurist in Residence; appointed to Court of Criminal Appeals April 1987, elected August 1988; reelected August 1990; appointed to Supreme Court December 1993, elected August 1994; reelected August 1998; chief justice May 1996-July, 1997.